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1. BEFORE COMMENTING ON REFTEL WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CLARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. PARA 6 OF REFTEL REFERS TO "POSSIBLE APPROACHES THROUGH PERSONS WITH ACCESS TO THE AREA, THROUGH ICRC REPRESENTATIVES, OR THROUGH FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN KR WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO INTERVENE WITH KC ON SUCH A HUMANITARIAN MATTER." THE DESCRIPTION OF SUGGESTED APPROACHES AS A "HUMANITARIAN MATTER." MAY ELICIT A QUESTION AS TO THE INTENTIONS OF THE USG TOWARDS NOLAN WERE HE RETURNED TO USG CONTROL. SINCE REFTEL SPECIFIES THAT HE IS "LISTED BY US ARMY AS DEFECTOR" QUESTION MAY ARISE AS TO WHAT WOULD BE ATTITUDE OF DOD ON DISPOSITION OF HIS CASE. FOR EXAMPLE, DOES NOLAN QUALIFY UNDER PRESENT "AMNESTY PROGRAM"? IF SO, AND IF CONFIDENTIAL

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HE WERE NOT RETURNED BEFORE THE CURRENT DEADLINE, COULD DEADLINE

BE LEGALLY EXTENDED IN HIS CASE?

- 3. THE POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT NOLAN IS NO MORE WILLING TO RETURN NOW THAN WHEN HE "DEFECTED". WE ASSUME THAT ICRC, FOREIGN DIPLOMATS, OR WHOEVER CONTACTS NOLAN WOULD MAKE SUCH FACT KNOWN. IF SO, WHAT WOULD WE ANTICIPATE THE POSSIBLE PROPAGANDA ADVANTAGES WOULD BE TO THE OTHER SIDE?
- 4. REGARDING PARA 7 OF REFTEL, IF SUGGESTED ACTION WERE LIKELY TO ELICIT INFORMATION ABOUT FLYNN, STONE, HANGEN, AND REYNOLDS, THAT ALONE, WE BELIEVE, WOULD BE WORTH THE EFFORT. MARTIN

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